

I support the ARRL petition for rulemaking on "refarming" the Novice sub-bands.

Using a portion of each of these sub-bands for SSB and Digital comms makes more sense than leaving them as they are now. I regularly tune across the 15m Novice band and hear not a single station. It is rare indeed to come across a "Novice" even in the 40m Novice sub-band. Although it's not that rare to find other stations on the 40m Novice band, they're usually few and far between, looking for a quiet place to chat (and usually Extras to boot!) On 80m, it's been months (years, more like) since I've heard any "Novice" activity... most nights, the 80m sub-band is dead. I don't believe I've heard a "Novice" (or Tech+) in the 10m Novice CW sub-band in years!

In short... I beleive the ARRL "refarming" plan to be a good one.